GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2435
ANSWERED ON:30.07.2002
VOLUME OF WATER IN BCCL MINES
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

to the reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 3311 on 15.04.2002 and state:

(a) whether there has been any coordination meeting of the BCCL with the District Administration of Dhanbad during the last six months to resolve the water problem of the coalfield;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal has been given by BCCL to utilize the pit water to meet the problem of the general public; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL & MINES AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW JUSTICE (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): No such meeting has taken place between Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) and District Administration, Dhanbad during the last six months to resolve the water problem of the coalfield.

(b): Does not arise in view of reply given to part (a) above.

(c) & (d): No proposal has been given by BCCL to utilize the pit water to meet the problem of the general public. However, last year, BCCL in a discussion with the State Government had indicated that there is plenty of water available in underground mines (about 15,623 million gallons) and the same can be gainfully utilised for water supply in the coalfield.

BCCL is of the opinion that the cost of pumping, distribution and treatment will have to be borne by the State Government.